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- One of the difficult issues the U.S. and other countries face in this new kind of conflict, against non-state actors intent on murdering innocent civilians, is what to do with captured individuals we know or believe to be terrorists.
- **Captured terrorists of the 21st century do not fit easily into traditional systems of criminal or military justice, which were designed for different needs. We have to adapt. Other governments also face this challenge.**
- International law allows a state to detain enemy combatants for the duration of hostilities.
- **Detainees must be treated in a manner consistent with existing laws, questioned to gather potentially useful intelligence, and brought to justice whenever possible.**
 - **The U.S. complies with its Constitution, laws and Treaty obligations with respect to detainees.**
- **We and our friends around the world have a responsibility to work together to find practical ways to defend ourselves against ruthless enemies.**
- **We cannot discuss information that would compromise the success of intelligence, law enforcement, and military operations. We expect that other nations share these views.**

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